



## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **CITY OF SCOTTSDALE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, August 8, 2016

Kiva Forum-City Hall  
3939 N. Drinkwater Boulevard  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251

**PRESENT:** James Campbell, Chair  
Laurie Coe, Commissioner (telephonic)  
Daria Lohman, Commissioner  
Andrew Song, Commissioner (telephonic)  
Joseph Ettinger, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Ragan Grossman, Vice Chair  
Ricoh Danielson, Commissioner

**STAFF:** Sharon Cini

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **1. Approval of minutes from the June 13, 2016 meeting**

**COMMISSIONER ETTINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2016 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER LOHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).**

#### **2. Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**3. Presentation, discussion and approval of amendments to section 106 of the Human Relations Commission bylaws to specify that a creation of a subcommittee requires approval by City Council**

Ms. Cini recalled that the Commission had a presentation and discussion on this topic during the last meeting.

**COMMISSIONER ETTINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 106 OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BYLAWS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CREATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE REQUIRES APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER LOHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).**

**4. Presentation, discussion and recommendation to staff liaison regarding a plan of action for Commissioner annual activities**

- Veterans

Commissioner Ettinger said he met with the American Legion about their programs and discussed ways in which the City could be involved. He will communicate further with them at a later date.

Ms. Cini noted that the group is researching family medical and other support resources for veterans and will present a plan in the near future.

- Bullying

Commissioner Lohman said she would like to follow up with the Scottsdale Unified School District's (SUSD) Director of Student Support Services about implementing a diversity plan. She stressed the importance of the City adopting a Diversity and Bullying proclamation.

Commissioner Song emphasized the need to continue conversations between the City and SUSD. Ms. Cini noted that she expects conversations to continue in the fall when school is back in session.

- Native Americans

Commissioner Ettinger distributed information outlining proposals for connecting with the Yaqui and Pima-Maricopa Indian communities. Proposals included attending their community meetings and hosting a Deer Dance. Commissioner Coe noted that she recently had the pleasure of meeting a City of Scottsdale Vista Del Camino employee who is a member of the Yaqui community.

Ms. Cini said that the Yaqui Community is interested in placing the Human Relations Commission on their September meeting agenda.

Commissioner Ettinger requested that further discussion about connecting with the SRPMIC and Yaqui Community be agendaized for the September HRC meeting.

- LGBT

Ms. Cini said that based on Commissioner Lohman's suggestion of hosting an LGBT discussion panel, the Scottsdale Library has decided to include a panel discussion as part of their November 2016 showing of "Coming Out Trans." They will invite Commissioner Lohman to participate.

Commissioner Lohman expressed interest in learning more about how the Scottsdale Unified School District intends to respond to new Federal mandates regarding transgender students. She noted that the State of Arizona is involved in a lawsuit against it that will likely fail, due to the 30-plus years of case law under Title IX. She announced that SMOCA is hosting another event on October 27th. Glisten will manage the registration table and will be the beneficiary of event proceeds.

Ms. Cini will send out information regarding a Rainbow Festival table being hosted by the City of Scottsdale in October.

- Interfaith

Chair Campbell announced that the City of Scottsdale will host the Arizona Golden Rule Day celebration in 2017, which will kick off with a breakfast on April 28th and continue throughout the year. Activities will showcase Scottsdale as a Golden Rule city.

Ms. Cini noted that she communicated with the Mayor's office and they are in favor of participating in the Golden Rule Day celebration.

**COMMISSIONER ETTINGER MOVED TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF A PROCLAMATION TO RECOMMEND FOR COUNCIL ADOPTION FOR THE GOLDEN RULE DAY. COMMISSIONER LOHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).**

**COMMISSIONER ETTINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPLORATION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE GOLDEN RULE DAY EVENT. COMMISSIONER LOHMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).**

## **5. Staff updates regarding recent and upcoming diversity events and activities**

Ms. Cini briefly discussed her participation in the Positively Powerful Woman event hosted by former Commissioner Joel Martin on June 25th, 2016.

The One Year of Love: Evolution of Marriage Equality event was held on June 26, 2016, thanks in part to the City of Scottsdale, SMOCA, Human Relations Commissioners, David Simmons, Ms. Cini, and various Affinity groups. Ms. Cini will distribute the survey results via email.

Ms. Cini attended the ACEL reception on July 8, 2016, which was the culmination of a three-day conference. Commissioners briefly discussed their positive experiences during the conference.

Ms. Cini said that the Phoenix Indian Center career exploration day hosted by the City of Scottsdale on July 15, 2016 was successful with approximately 120 attendees. Participants were given the opportunity to explore careers in various departments within the City, and

information was provided on the Police and Fire Training facility, the Scottsdale Airport, Cable Channel 11, SMOCA, and the North Corp Yard.

An International Visitor Delegation from Haikou China's Sister Cities Association visited Scottsdale City Hall on July 25, 2016.

Ms. Cini discussed the Mayor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities 30th Anniversary event planned for October 6, 2016 at the Scottsdale Museum of the West. Nominations for awardees and scholarship applications are currently being accepted. Scholarship applications can be found on the City of Scottsdale's website under "scholarships."

Civic Center Library is hosting a community education event entitled, "The Latino Vote and the Anti-Immigration Movement," with speaker Lisa Magana from the ASU Trans Border Department on September 8th at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Ms. Cini noted that she is collaborating with the staff liaison for the Human Services Commission on the possibility of a collaborative meeting.

The City of Chandler will be hosting the next Regional HRC meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for September 21, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.

## **6. Report from the Chair**

Chair Campbell reported on the Philippines Independence Day Celebration which was held on June 18, 2016. Commissioners Ettinger and Song briefly reported on their attendance at the event.

On behalf of the City of Scottsdale and the Human Relations Commission, Chair Campbell expressed condolences to the unexpected passing of Asian-American leader and Asian Chamber of Commerce president, Ted Namba on July 24, 2016.

Commissioner Song expressed a few words of condolence. He noted that Mayor Lane attended the Friday evening memorial service.

## **7. Commissioner Items, including diversity activities attended**

Commissioner Coe noted her participation in meetings regarding Interfaith, Native American relationships, and the One Year of Love: Evolution of Marriage Equality event.

Commissioner Song said that he toured the new North Scottsdale Islamic Center and talked about the positive impact on the Islamic community. Chair Campbell and Ms. Cini also toured the Islamic Center.

Commissioner Ettinger attended the SMOCA event. He worked with Ms. Coe on developing relationships with the Indian communities, and on the Veterans Affairs issue.

Commissioner Lohman attended the ACEL event and the Native American PFLAG event. She stressed the importance of reaching out to groups that share HRC's vision of making life better for all instead of only a few.

**8. Discussion regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting, and dates, times and topics for upcoming meetings**

The next HRC meeting is September 12, 2016.

Commissioner Ettinger reminded everyone of upcoming events associated with September 11.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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